

NUTCRACKER

Frequently Asked Questions

- The performance lasts about 1 hour and 45 minutes with one intermission.
- Show Order:
 - Act I: Party Scene / Battle Scene / Snow Scene
 - Act II: (Angels, Lambs, Elves, Clara)
- Students will spend a lot of time waiting backstage. Bring healthy, non-sugar, non crumbly snacks (nothing that stains), clear colored beverages and books or games. Children will be chaperoned backstage.
- NO EATING OR DRINKING (EXCEPT WATER) IN COSTUMES. NO FOOD IN DRESSING ROOMS.
- NO PARENTS ADMITTED BACKSTAGE UNLESS SIGNED UP TO HELP BACKSTAGE
- Prefer no glasses (if child must wear glasses, they must be secured with elastic in the back).
- Female students must have clean ballet pink tights with no holes/runs. **NO UNDERWEAR** under your tights.
- Absolutely **NO NAIL POLISH** of any kind.
- Children are not permitted to wear any jewelry of any kind onstage. **NO EARRINGS!!!** Please do not bring valuables to the theatre.
- NO RECORDING OR PHOTOS OF ANY KIND DURING PERFORMANCE OR REHEARSAL.
- Costumes:
 - All costumes must remain in the theater.
 - Costumes are property of Ballet Nebraska.
 - \$50 Costume fee goes toward maintenance, development and cleaning. Checks payable to Ballet Nebraska **DUE OCT 30.**
- Students who are in ACT I are welcome to watch the rest of the performance from the audience but must have a ticket to enter the theater.
- Students who are in ACT II may watch ACT I from the audience if they have a ticket. Please check in backstage prior to the start of the show.
- Only children dancing in ACT II will take part in the final bow and curtain call.
- STUDENTS MUST REMAIN BACKSTAGE UNTIL THEIR PART IS CALLED and WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WAIT/WATCH FROM THE WINGS.

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Required Performance Attire and Check-In/Release Information .

ROLE	ACT	ATTIRE	HAIR	CHECK IN	RELEASE
Party Girls & Clara	I	Pink tights, nude camisole leotard, pink ballet slippers	Hair half up, curled in ringlets	1 hr prior to show time	Following party scene
Party Boys & Fritz	I	Black tights, white briefs, black jazz shoes	Well groomed	1 hr prior to show time	Following party scene
Toy Soldiers	I	Pink tights, black leotard, black jazz shoes	High bun on top of head	1 hr prior to show time	Following party scene
Maids	I	Pink tights, nude camisole leotard, black character shoes or pink ballet slippers TBD	Low bun, no part	1 hr prior to show time	Following party scene
Mice	I	Pink tights, black leotard, pink ballet slippers	Low braid, flat, no bun	1 hr prior to show time	Following battle scene
Baby Mice	I	Pink tights, nude leotard, pink ballet slippers	Low braid flat, no bun	1 hr prior to show time	End of show
Angels	II	Pink tights, nude camisole leotard, pink ballet slippers	High bun at crown of head	½ hr prior to show time	End of show
Lambs	II	Pink tights, nude camisole leotard, pink ballet slippers	Low braid flat, no bun	½ hr prior to show time	End of show
Elves	II	Provide pink lycra tights (not nylon), pink canvas ballet slippers, white cotton briefs (boys), white cotton briefs (girls) for Ballet Nebraska to dye DUE OCT 30 , nude camisole leotard (girls)	2 buns made from pigtails over ears (girls), well groomed (boys)	½ hr prior to show time	End of show

All tights should be free of runs and holes. No seams. No ribbons on ballet slippers. Use hairnets, lots of hairspray, bring extra bobby pins and hairspray to the theater. Stage make-up required (demonstration/discussion will be given).